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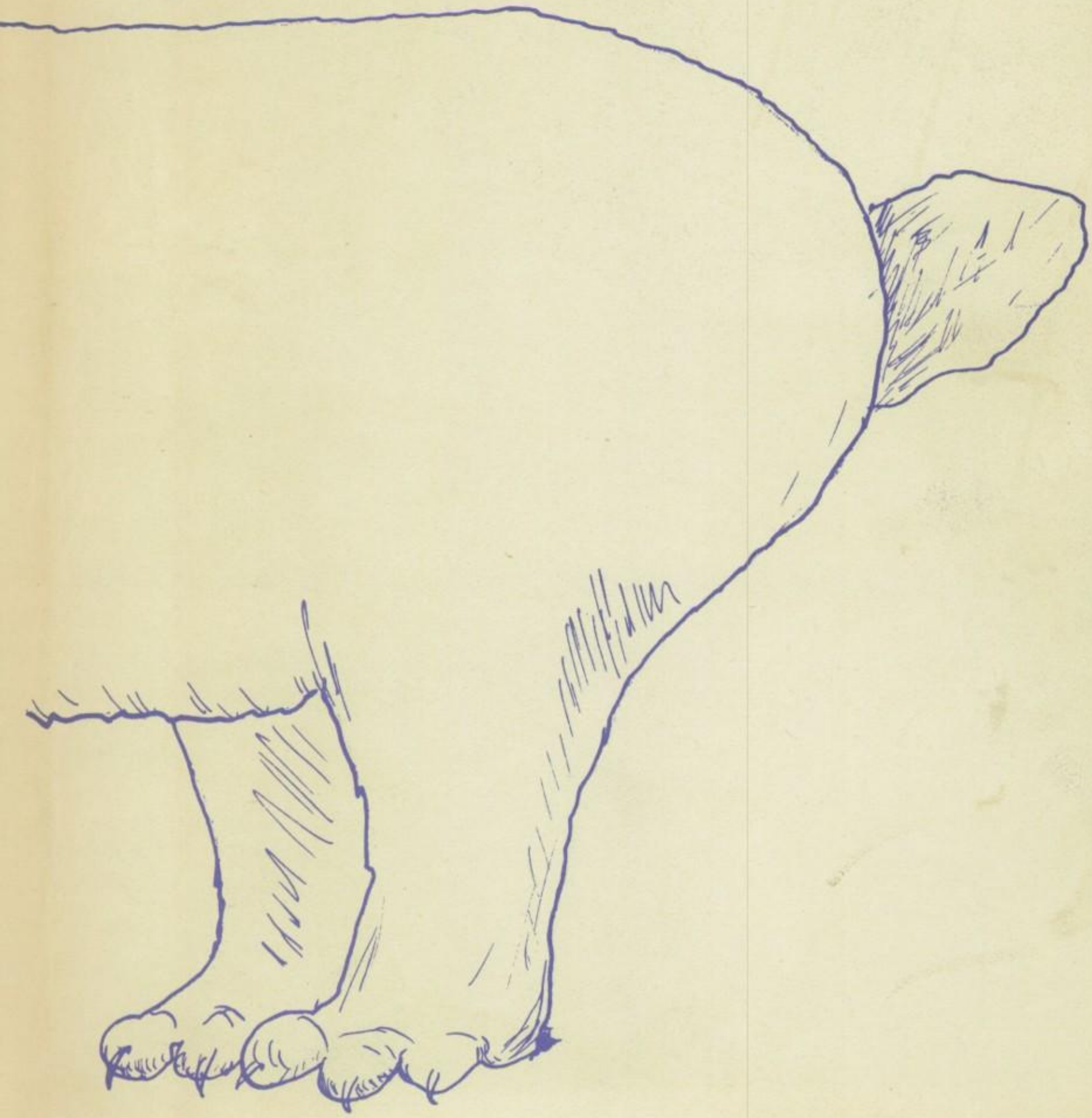

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"OUR BOBCAT"

The Greeks and Romans knew about bobcats hundreds of years ago, but not until 1950 did "Bobcat" become a familiar and official name at Troutman.

The bobcat whether high on the limb of a tree or whether walking on the earth beneath it, observes and is familiar with the world about him. Neither cat nor person can have more beneficial habits.

In featuring the "Bobcat" throughout Volume XV, the staff of the Hi-Way is presenting the symbol of characteristics which, we hope, our teams and student body will use to make Troutman High outstanding.

A WORD FROM THE STAFF

The preparation of this the XV Volume of the *Hi-Way* has truly been a pleasure for us, your staff. The honor of representing you in the preparation of this book has been ample compensation for the multitudious hours expended.

The work has been both pleasant and profitable. In attempting to secure ads from the various merchants so as to minimize the cost to you as a student, we learned much of the art of salesmanship and diplomacy. We have had first hand information as to what it means to contact a merchant and impress upon him the fact that the student body of THS wanted and needed his products and service.

The prime focus in the preparation of this book was 'student appeal'. Fully aware that the over-all cost of the book must be limited, we have been able to increase the number of pages in this volume over the one of lastyear. Thru the art work we have endeavored to present some 'uniq' ideas which came to us extremely 'hard.'

We hope that the 'ideas' and the 'quips' presented here-in will meet with your approval and will help you to retain pleasant memories of THS thru the years.

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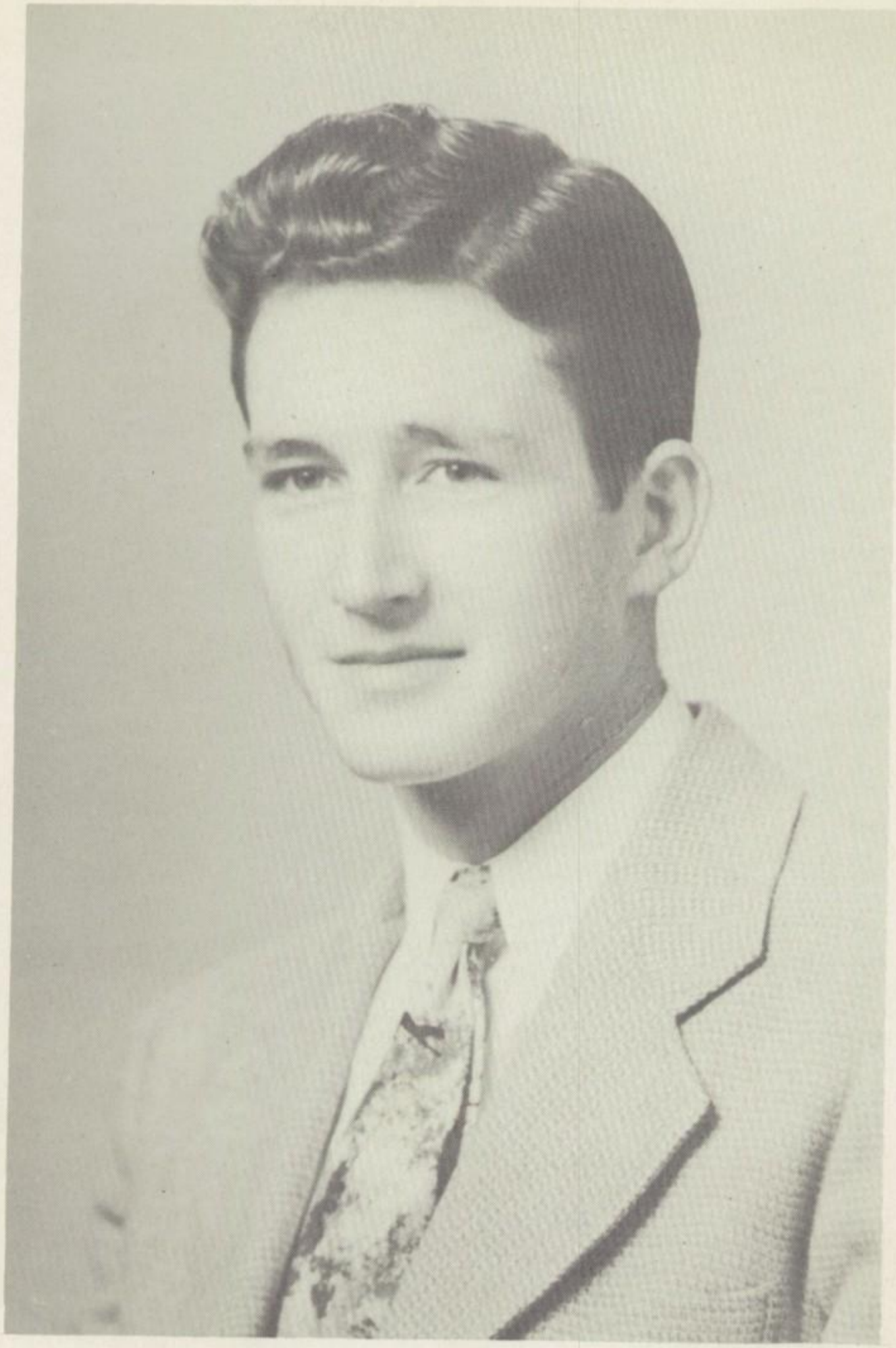
Actions always speak louder than words, and your actions have spoken so loudly that they have shouted to the entire community your sincere interest in the life of Troutman School. Your actions have made possible not only the New Elementary Building which we enjoy, but also the many other features of Troutman School which make it decidedly distinctive.

Attempting to catch a small part of your active spirit, we, the Senior Class of Fifty-one, dedicate this the fifteenth volume of The Highway to the members of the Troutman School Board—

Mr. Lynn Hostetler

Mr. Tate Loftin

WE HONOR



MR. ROBERT WINECOFF

Your keen interest expressed sincerely to the members of the class of 1951 has endeared you to the hearts of each and every one. For this reason we wish to pay you signal honor in the yearbook of fifty-one. May you always remain the true friend of youth.

SCHOOL SONG

Faithful and true hearted, let us boost for our ole high

We revere her and defend her; as her colors proudly fly,

We will stand for her united, of her deeds we gladly tell.

Her colors streaming, glad faces beaming,

So here's cheer for her that we all love so well.

Chorus.

Joyous and ever loyal, let us boost for our ole high,

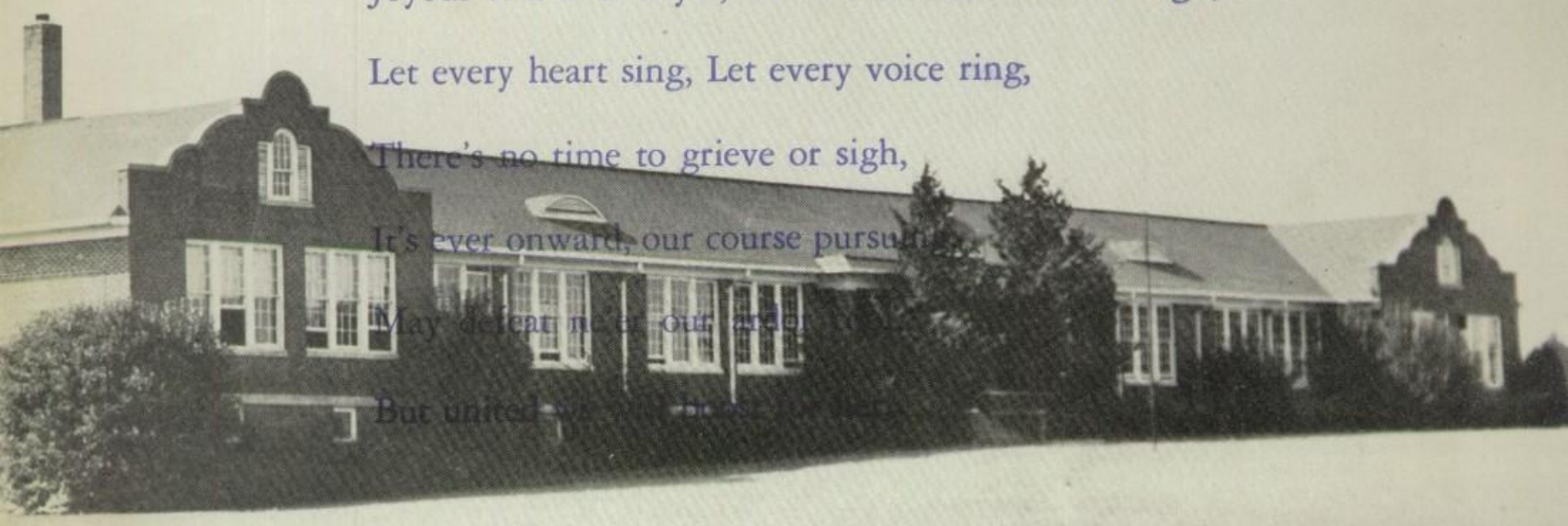
Let every heart sing, Let every voice ring,

There's no time to grieve or sigh,

It's ever onward, our course pursuing,

May defeat ne'er our ardor cool,

But united we rule.



Our old High School.

Honors she has taken on the track and with the ball

May she always rank the highest, May her colors never fall

There's no other that can match her,

When her team is on the field

Her boys the fleetest, her girls the sweetest,

So here's a cheer for her, for her who ne'er will yield.

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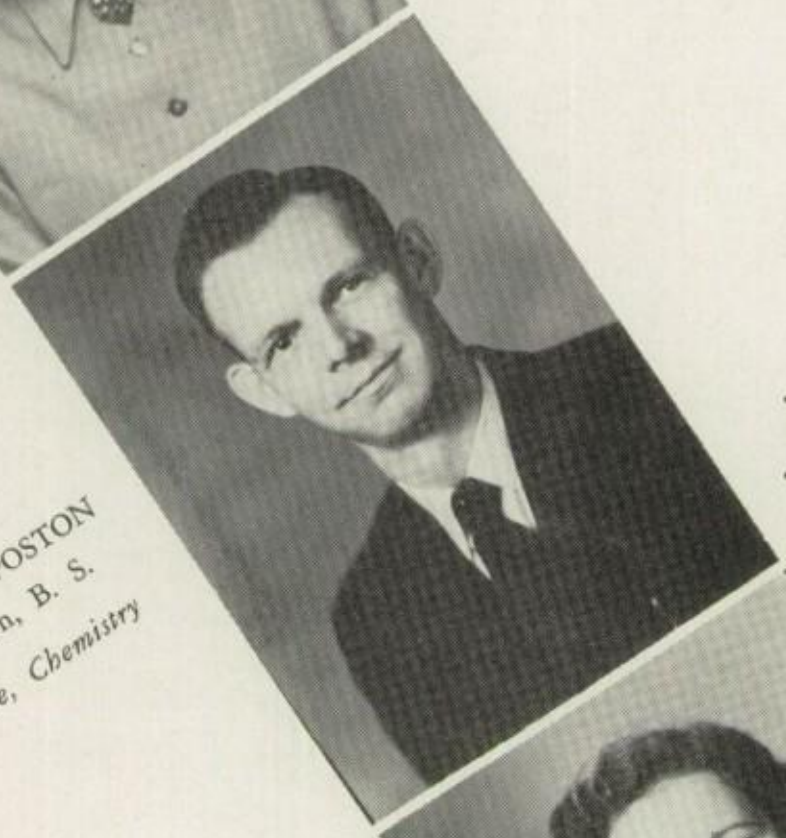

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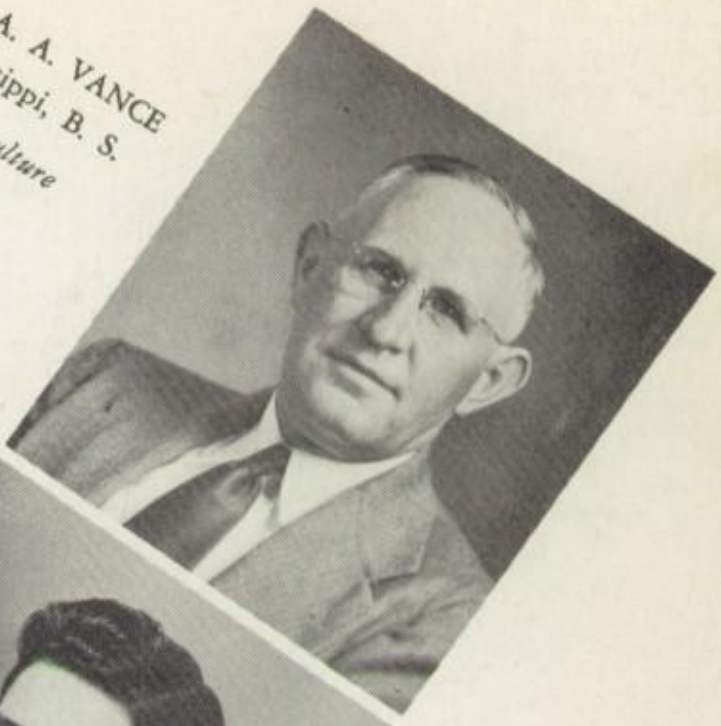

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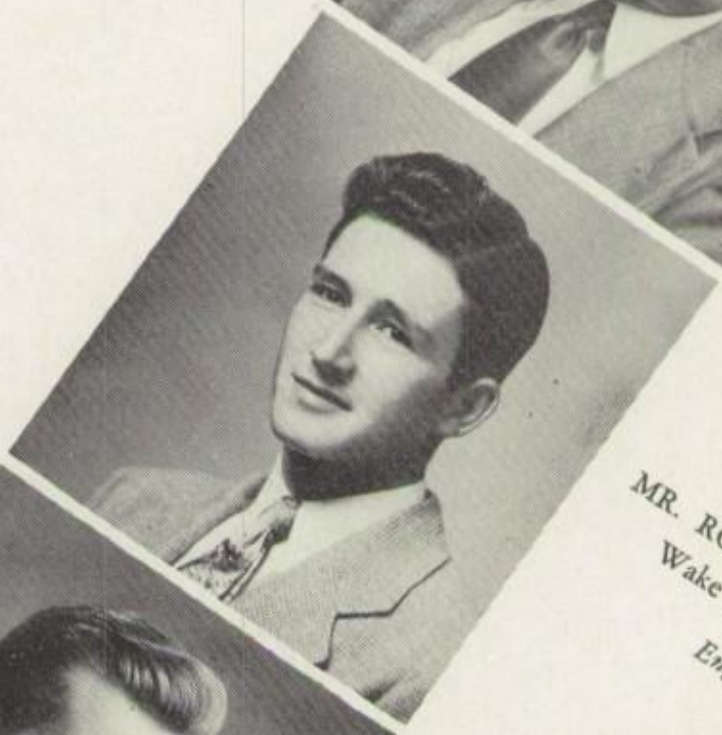

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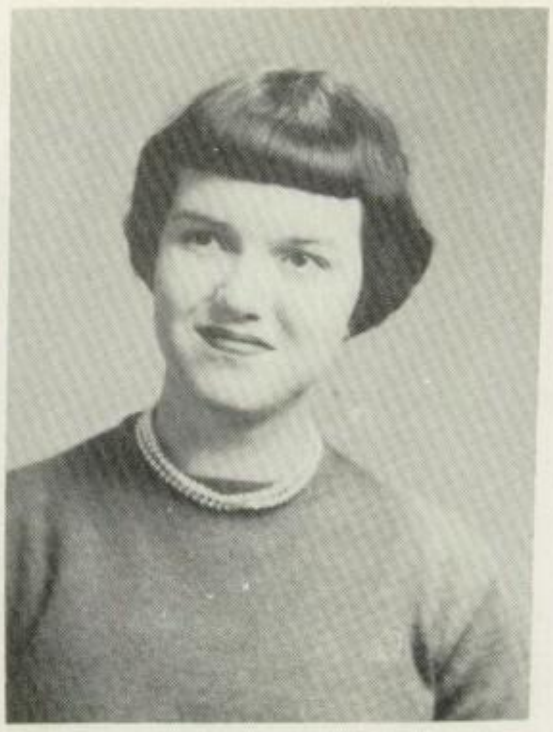

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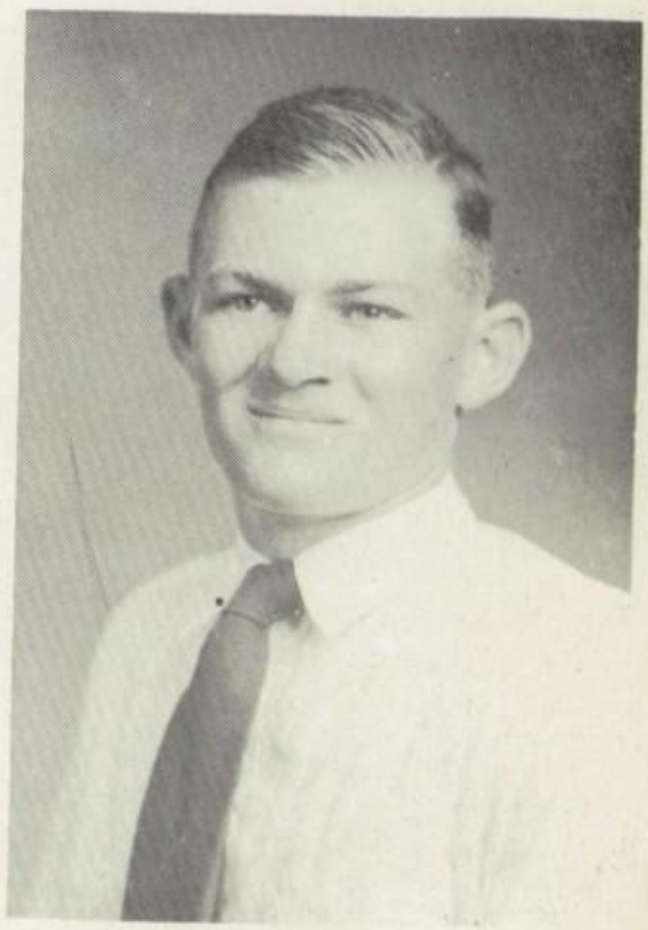

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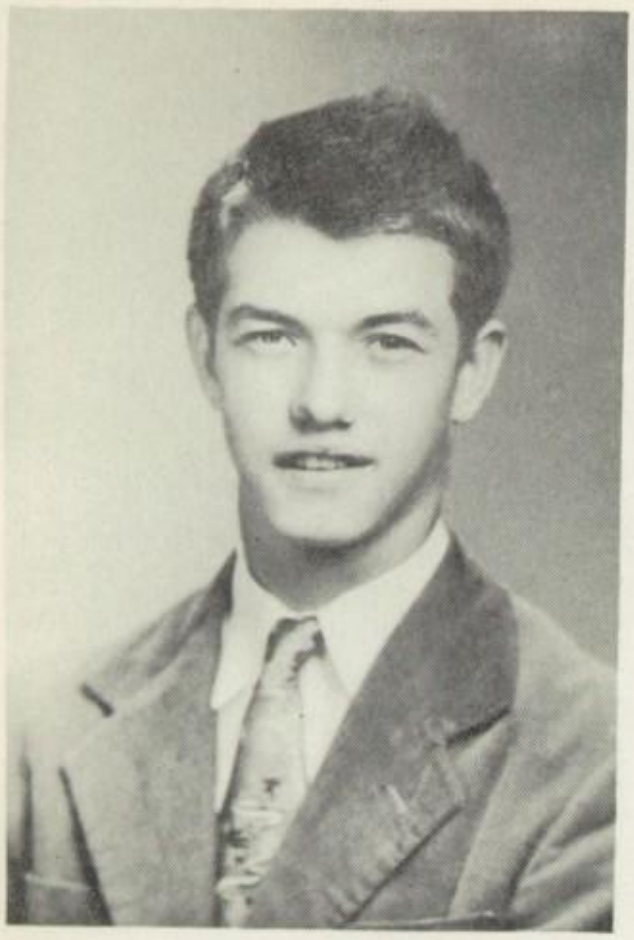

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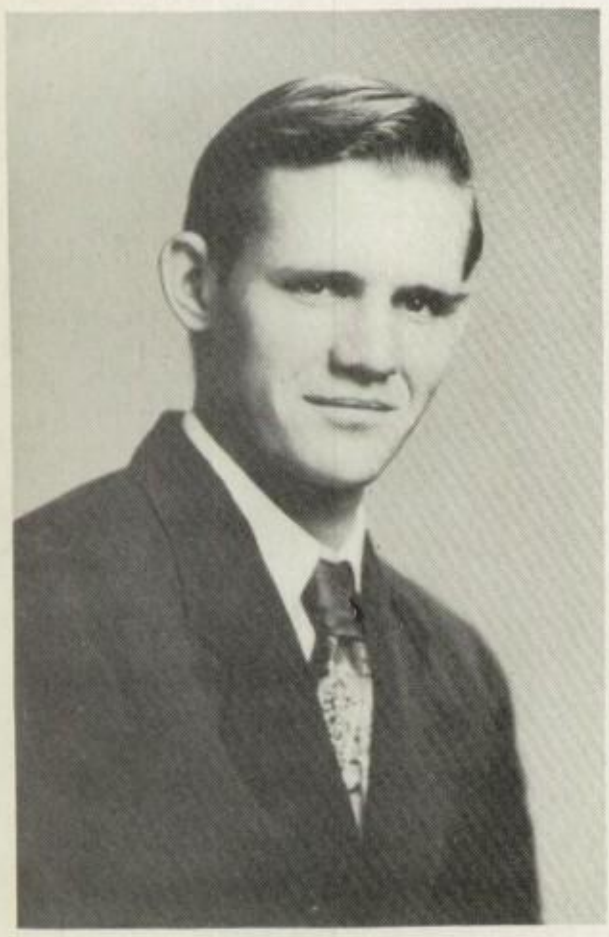

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SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

The fall of 1947 marked the beginning of a new and important phase of life for about fifty Freshmen. High school was new, different, something to which we had looked forward for eight long years of grammar school. This first year in high school was an all-important year, and under the very capable guidance of Miss Frances Tabor and Miss Frances Sherrill (Mrs. Moore) we successfully completed it.

Sophomores! The confusion and newness of the previous year were forgotten. It was now our turn to look with amusement upon the bewildered Frosh!

Perhaps the high-light of our second year in high school was the trip, on which Miss Martin took us, to Duke University and our State Capitol, Raleigh. For one whole day we gleaned knowledge, not from a book, but from museums, the University, the Capitol Building, and so many other interesting places. It was a day to be remembered.

Also in our Sophomore year we began, on a small scale, making money for the next year's Junior-Senior Banquet.

Our Junior Year, 1949-1950, held many interesting events for us. We continued our money-making plans for financing the Junior-Senior Banquet by selling magazine subscriptions and hose, and by sponsoring a square dance. In all of these attempts we were extremely successful and on April 21, 1950, we held the annual Junior-Senior Banquet at the Country Club in Statesville.

The evening of May 12, 1950, was another very exciting time for us, for on that evening we presented the Junior Class play, *Little Women*. The play was different, breathtakingly interesting, and completely successful!

In addition to this, one of our members, yours truly, was chosen to represent Troutman in the "Miss Merry Christmas" contest held annually in Statesville.

To us, as to all Seniors, the arrival of Class Rings was a big thrill. The selecting of a class gift, class mascots, superlatives, invitations, and class play were big events. The Junior-Senior Banquet, basketball and baseball games —all have a more special meaning for Seniors. Responsibility is ours now more than ever before, and because of this we have elected the following capable leaders

President ..... Frankie Henkel
Vice President ..... Nancy Stewart
Secretary ..... Thelma Edwards
Treasurer ..... Bill Vanderford

Graduation time is near; it will not be long until we are really on our own. Thoughts of the past are with us, but more important are our thoughts and plans for the future. With our motto, "Evergreen," which we shall always strive to upho'd, and with light hearts, and heads held high, we begin our journey into the Future.

Audrey Loftin
Class Historian

CLASS SONG

by Audrey Loftin

The years have passed;
Our sojourn here is ended.
Yet e're remain
Our memories of thee.

The joys we've shared,
The trials we've borne together,
Have made us one—
In love and loyalty.

The future calls,
And we must quickly leave thee.
Our hearts are sad,
As from thy halls we pass.

But when we're gone,
A part of us will e're remain.
With thee, forever,
Shall our love abide.

CLASS POEM

by Joyce Crews

We're leaving you our school—
  Symbol of our youth—
To go forward now alone
  To seek the Greater Truth.

But what is this that lurks
  Within each heart—
This inner surge of sorrow—
  As we begin to part?

With open heart and mind
  We came to you.
Desiring here to find
  The noble and the true.

We hesitate to leave your
  Sheltering walls
With memories re-echoing
  Dimly through the halls.

We criticized you often,
  But defended too.
Now, leaving, at last we know
  We were a part of you.

FRANKIE HENKEL
Most Intellectual

CARCLYN BRAWLEY
BOBBY EDWARDS,
Most Popular

JO ANN KERR
BOBBY EDWARDS,
Wittiest

MARY ALICE COMPTON
Most Talented

AUDREY LOFTIN
BILLY CANSLER,
Most Likely To Succeed

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THOMAS MYERS,
Cutest

NANCY STEWART
RALPH PERRY,
Most Dependable

THELMA EDWARDS
BILL VANDERFORD,
Best Looking

JOYCE CREWS
RALPH PERRY,
Best All Round

WILMA CROUCH BURRELL
Most Courteous

KENNETH ARTHURS

"Honesty is the best policy."

Hobbies: Football, hunting. Schools Attended: Troutman. School Activities: F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4. Personal Statistics: February 2, 1931; Height, 5'9"; Weight 165; Eyes, Hazel; Hair, Brown.

DORIS BLACKWELDER

"It is better to be small and let your light shine than to be large and cast a shadow."

Hobbies: Dating, sports, skating, music. Schools Attended: Amity, Troutman. School Activities: F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2; Library Staff 1, 2, 3; Boosters Club 2, 3; Vice President 4; Basketball 1; Glee Club 2, 3; Office Staff 4. Personal Statistics: November 13, 1933; Height, 4'11"; Weight, 105; Eyes, Green; Hair, Blonde.

CAROLYN BRAWLEY

"She is gentle but not shy, and there is mischief in her eye."

Hobbies: Dating, reading, movies. Schools Attended: Amity, Troutman. School Activities: F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Boosters Club 3,4; Student Council 1; Glee Club 1, 2. Personal Statistics: February 8, 1933; Height 5'3"; Weight 125; Eyes, Blue; Hair, Blonde.

WILMA CROUCH BURRELL

"Not too serious, not too gay, a likable girl in every way."

Hobbies: Traveling, movies, sports. Schools Attended: Avery, Sherrill, Statesville Jr. High School, Troutman. School Activities: F. H. A. 2; Boosters Club 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Basketball 1. Personal Statistics: June 1, 1933; Height, 5'2"; Weight, 95; Eyes, Blue; Hair, Blonde.

BILLY BRYAN CANSLER

"Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow you may flunk."

Hobbies: Baseball. Schools Attended: Troutman. School Activities: Baseball 2, 3, 4; Busdriver 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1; Beta Club 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President 2. Personal Statistics: August 11, 1933; Height, 6'1"; Weight, 165; Eyes, Green; Hair, Blonde.

CLINTON CLONTZ

"My thoughts are my companions."

Hobbies: Football, hunting. Schools Attended: Troutman. School Activities: Baseball 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Personal Statistics: November 25, 1933; Height 5'11"; Weight 145; Eyes, Brown; Hair, Brown.

MADELINE COLLINS

"The early bird gets the worm, but who wants a worm?"

Hobbies: Sports, collecting miniature figures. Schools Attended: Troutman. School Activities: Beta Club 3, 4; Student Council 3, President 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2; Library Staff 2; G. A. A. 2; Paper Staff 1, 3, 4; Class Prophet 4; Annual Staff 2; Ass't. Literary Editor 4; Personal Statistics: March 13, 1933; Height, 5'8"; Weight, 120; Eyes, Green; Hair, Brown.

MARY ALICE COMPTON

"Never take life too seriously, you'll never get out of it alive anyway."

Hobbies: Music, movies, skating. Schools Attended: Troutman. School Activities: Boosters Club 2, 4; Secretary of Class 3; Paper Staff 3; Annual Staff, Ass't. Editor 3; Student Council 4; Personal Statistics: December 23, 1932; Height, 5'4"; Weight, 102; Eyes, Green; Hair, Black.

JOYCE CREWS

"Smile and the world smiles with you, frown and— but who wants to frown?"

Hobbies: Music, reading, movies. Schools Attended: Alexander Graham Jr. High, Central High in Charlotte, Troutman. School Activities: Beta Club 4, President; Paper Staff 4; Annual Staff 4, Literary Editor; Class Poet 4; Library Club 4, Vice President; Boosters Club 4. Personal Statistics: August 26, 1933; Height 5'2"; Weight, 110; Eyes, Blue; Hair, Brown.

BOBBY EDWARDS

"A rare compound of quality, noble and true, with plenty of sense and humor too."

Hobbies: Hunting, eating. Schools Attended: Shepherds, Troutman. School Activities: 4-H 1, 2; Basketball Manager 2; Personal Statistics: May 18, 1933; Height, 6'1"; Weight, 157; Eyes, Blue; Hair, Brown.

THELMA EDWARDS

"To make the world a friendly place, one must show a friendly face."

Hobbies: Music, reading, movies. Schools Attended: Troutman. School Activities: 4-H 1, 2; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Annual Staff 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Class Secretary 4; Personal Statistics: February 25, 1933; Height, 5'3"; Weight, 118; Eyes, Blue; Hair, Brown.

JOAN HARRINGTON

"Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and you cry alone."

Hobbies: Sports, music, movies. School Activities: F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Paper Staff 3, Editor 4; Library Staff, President 4; Boosters Club 3, 4; Class Vice President 1; Class Secretary 3; Office Staff 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Basketball 3, 4; Dramatics Club 4; G. A. A. 2. Personal Statistics: July 24, 1932; Height, 5'5"; Weight, 110; Eyes, Hazel; Hair, Blonde.

FRANKIE HENKEL

"There's nothing so kind as kindness, and nothing so loyal as truth."

Hobbies: Reading, movies, traveling. Schools Attended: Troutman. School Activities: Beta Club 3, 4; Paper Staff 3, 4; Library 3, 4; Student Council Secretary 2, Vice President 3; F. H. A. 1, 2; Dramatics 4; Booster Club 2, 3, 4; Office Staff 4; Secretary of Class 2; Vice President of Class 3; President of Class 4. Personal Statistics: May 14, 1933; Height, 5'6"; Weight, 133; Eyes, Brown; Hair, Black.

STATISTICS

JOE ANN KERR

"Never speak sense when nonsense serves the purpose."

Hobbies: Skating, bowling, reading. Schools Attended: Troutman. School Activities: Beta Club 3, 4; Boosters Club 3, 4; Paper Staff 3, 4; Dramatic Club 4; Library Staff 4; F. H. A. 4; Annual Staff, Business Manager 4. Personal Statistics: July 24, 1933; Height 5'7"; Weight, 120; Eyes, Blue; Hair, Brown.

AUDREY LOFTIN

"The harder I try the "gooder" to be, the "worser" I am."

Hobbies: Dramatics, dating, movies. Schools Attended: Troutman. School Activities: Beta Club 3, 4; Paper Staff 3, 4; Annual Editor 4; Student Council 3; Dramatics Club 4; Boosters Club, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 2; Office Staff 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1; Vice President Soph. Class 2; Historian 4; Band 2; Miss Troutman 3; Chief Marshal 3. Personal Statistics: June 3, 1933; Height 5'9"; Weight 124; Eyes Green; Hair Blonde.

SHELDON MURDOCK

"Always playing the game straight."

Hobbies: Boxing, movies, listening to radio, taking trips. School Activities: F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4. Personal Statistics: February 21, 1932; Height 5'11"; Weight, 142; Eyes, Gray; Hair, Brown.

THOMAS MYERS

"His gentle speech and modest ways lead others to accord his ways."

Hobbies: Hunting, sports. Schools Attended: Troutman. School Activities: F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4. Personal Statistics: February 1, 1933; Height 5'11"; Weight 145; Eyes, Gray; Hair, Brown.

BILLY KIM NESBIT

"Why sleep your life away."

Hobbies: Sports, movies. Schools Attended: Troutman. School Activities: F. F. A. 1, 2; Class Historian 1; Class President 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4. Personal Statistics: July 29, 1933; Height 6'; Weight, 155; Eyes, Brown; Hair, Blonde.

ANNA OSTWALT

"A good disposition is to be valued more than gold."

Hobbies: Movies, skating, music, collecting pictures. Schools Attended: Troutman. School Activities: F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Staff 1, 2, 3, 4. Personal Statistics: December 14, 1930; Height 5'5"; Weight 139; Eyes, Blue; Hair, Brown.

VIRGINIA PARKER

"I wish the man who invented work could finish it."

Hobbies: Dancing, dating, movies. Schools Attended: Shephards, Troutman. School Activities: F. H. A. 1, 2; Glee Club 3, 4; G. A. A. 1; Boosters Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Office Staff 3; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 1, Paper Staff 2; Historian 2; Dramatics Club 4. Personal Statistics: February 15, 1931; Height 5'3"; Weight 110; Eyes, Green; Hair, Blonde.

RALPH PERRY

"Let me think and walk calmly in my path."

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, football. Schools Attended: Amity, Troutman. School Activities: F. F. A. 1, 2; Vice President 3; Student Council 4. Personal Statistics: December 4, 1932; Height, 6'2"; Weight, 160; Eyes, Grey; Hair, Brown.

JAMES PLYLER

"Either I find a way or I make one."

Hobbies: Sports, movies. Schools Attended: Troutman. School Activities: F. F. A. 1, 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4. Personal Statistics: April 17, 1933; Height 6'1"; Weight 160; Eyes, Grey; Hair, Brown.

LEONARD PLYLER

"His wit is as refreshing as an April shower—
it pours forth in any season."

Hobbies: Hunting. Schools Attended: Amity, Troutman. School Activities: F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Junior Play 3; Busdriver. Personal Statistics: December 9, 1933; Height 5'7"; Weight 150; Eyes, Blue; Hair, Brown.

LOUISE PRYOR

"Of all the joys that I recall, being in love is the best of all."

Hobbies: Dating, reading, collecting records and pictures. Schools Attended: Baltimore, Md., Troutman. School Activities: Library 1, 3, 4. Personal Statistics: October 28, 1933; Height 5'8"; Weight 150; Eyes, Blue; Hair, Red.

ADDIE MAE ROBINSON

"It doesn't pay to worry, things are bound to happen anyway."

Hobbies: Skating, collecting pictures, sports. Schools Attended: Amity, Troutman. School Activities: F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Staff 4. Personal Statistics: July 22, 1932; Height 5'5"; Weight 132; Eyes, Blue; Hair, Red.

NANCY STEWART

"She lives for enjoyment. Is there anything else worth while?"

Hobbies: Sports, movies. Schools Attended: Clarks, Troutman. School Activities: Paper Staff 1; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Library Staff 2; Annual Staff 2. Personal Statistics: November 20, 1932; Height 5'8"; Weight 126; Eyes, Brown; Hair, Black.

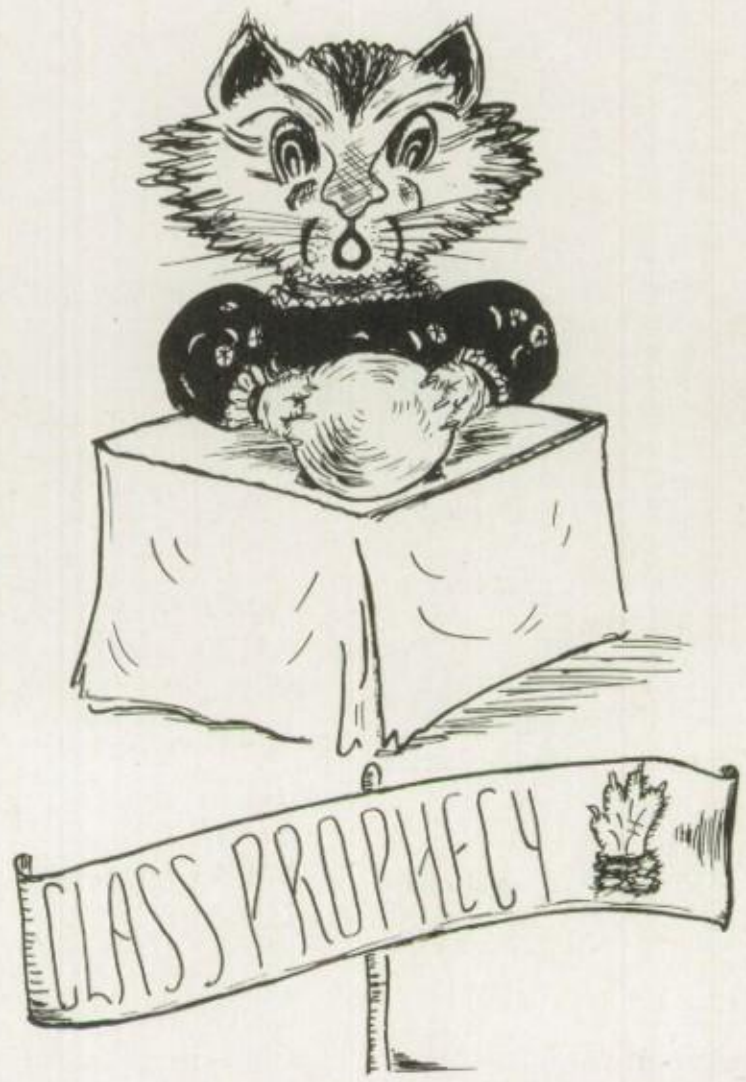
BILL VANDERFORD

"Art is long, life is short."

Hobbies: Shooting Pool, Business Machine. Schools Attended: Mooresville, Troutman. School Activities: Beta Club 4; Paper Staff 4; Treasurer of Class 4. Personal Statistics: December 26, 1932; Height, 6'1"; Weight, 148; Eyes, Green; Hair, Brown.

The warm room and the whispering rain made it difficult for me to keep my mind on the story that I was trying to write. Soon I could keep my eyes open no longer—and instead of sitting in my office in Nashville with typewriters jangling and phones ringing, I'm back in Troutman, North Carolina, but what a changed place! Instead of the small country village it was ten years ago it is now a bustling metropolis. Seeing the site of the old school building, where now stands a huge Public Library, brings back memories of my school days at Troutman High School.

Is that Mary Alice Compton coming out of the library? I thought she was in Europe on a concert tour. It is Mary Alice. What luck finding her here! After greetings have been made, we fall to discussing our school days and our classmates. Joe Ann Kerr (Mary Alice tells me) is now in Washington, D. C., secretary to the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is hard to picture Joe Ann in such a secretive business. From Mary Alice I also learned that criminals are almost obsolete in Troutman since Sheldon Murdock is Chief of Police and Thomas Myers is a crack detective employed by the city. Joan Harrington now lives in Statesville where L. J. owns the Statesville Laundry.



Leaving Mary Alice, I call a taxi. Kenneth Arthurs, another classmate of '51 is driving; and we have an interesting tour of the "old home town." When I arrive at the Manning Building, I ask a pert little secretary if I may see the President of the Airline. The secretary is none other than Mrs. David Burrell—the former Wilma Crouch—and surprise of surprises—who is sitting behind the shiny mahogany desk but Billy "Fuzz" Nesbit. Talking with MISTER Nesbit, I learn that "Pete" Plyler, Bobby Edwards, and Ralph Perry are three of his ace pilots, and that Bobby Mills is Iredell County Farm Agent, with Clinton Clontz as his able assistant.

After much deliberation, I decide to fly to Baltimore where Nancy Stewart is making a name for herself as head nurse of John Hopkins, and Anna Ostwalt and Addie Mae Robinson run the Cash-over Hotel. As we fly, I go up front to talk with Bobby Edwards, the pilot. He and Thelma, our class beauty, now have twin girls—"the image of their mother," he proudly announces. Nancy meets me at the airport, and on the way to her apartment she tells me that Anna and Addie Mae and husbands are on a world cruise and that Carolyn Brawley is now married and living in San Francisco, where her husband is commander of the western fleet. Joyce Crews, with her syrupy Southern accent, is the rage of Hollywood and Virginia Parker is teaching English at the University of Pennsylvania. Nancy and I are sitting and talking of by-gone days when the telephone rings. What a welcome voice! It is Audrey Loftin. I had heard that she is living in Buenos Aires. She tells us that our intelligent gal, Frankie Henkel, is in line for the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry.

Nancy and I decide to go to Washington to see Joe Ann Kerr and Bill Bryan Cansler, Secretary of Agriculture. Billy Bryan is busy when we arrive but upon finding that it is a couple of classmates, he takes time to see us. We tell him what we have learned about the other members of our class, and he adds that Bill Vandeford now owns a chain of theaters in and around New York and that Leonard Plyler is an insurance salesman in Brooklyn. Furthermore, he remembers that he has an unopened letter from Louise Pryor in the morning mail. Reading it, we find that she and Norris are living in Texas and making a fortune in oil, and that she has seen Doris and Jerry when they came through Texas going to Arizona for the winter.

A telephone is ringing. Why doesn't one of Billy's secretaries answer it. Automatically I reach for the instrument. Oh! I'm back in the office and that is my phone ringing. Anyway it was a pleasant dream and I've seen the future of the Senior Class of 1951.

MADELINE COLLINS
Class Prophet

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

I, Frankie Henkel, having traveled around the world on the back of a turtle, have never in all of my travels seen nor heard of a group so outstanding as the Senior Class of 1951. They are the most intelligent, the best looking and the most remarkable class ever to graduate, not only from Troutman High School, but from any school any where.

The majority of this sagacious class are eighteen years old. The average height, decreased somewhat by the smallness of Wilma Crouch and Doris Blackwelder, is said to be 5'6", while we tip the scales at 126 pounds. Peering beneath the shaggy manes of blonde or brown, one may behold either blue or green-eyed monsters.

There is as wide a diversity in the tastes of our class as there is in physical appearance. Although a variety of sports is enjoyed, basketball and football take the lead. The favorite pets are dogs, cats, and horses; Billy "Fuzz" Nesbit, however, has time only for women. "Pete" Plyer and Sheldon Murdock think June Allyson and Betty Grable are tops in the movie field, while Jo Ann Kerr and Addie Mae Robinson swoon over any male movie star, especially Farley Granger and William Holden. Joyce Crews and Audrey Loftin have as their favorite hobbies—dating and reading; the other members of the class have hobbies from collecting miniatures to hunting. Favorite classes—Economics, English, and Shorthand—are attended almost everyday by some of the Seniors. Three of us even take El Espanol. After taking a poll of club activities, I have found the Library Club, Booster Club, Dramatics Club, F. H. A., F. F. A., and Beta Club being honored by Seniors. As for means of transportation, Fords and Oldsmobiles take the lead, with Chevrolets running a close third.

The title of the most popular band goes to Ralph Flannigan, although The Old Maids seem to prefer Hillbilly Bands. Date and Dance Time, Music by Request, and the Lone Ranger were voted favorite radio programs. While listening to these programs—or at any other time—the class will eat anything: shrimp, pickles, and fried chicken being first choice.

Of the many interesting ambitions the following are the most outstanding:

Billy Cansler ..... To be elected president.
Jo Ann Kerr ..... To get a man.
Joan Harrington ..... To be elected Mrs. America.
Madeline Collins ..... To play baseball.
Clinton Clontz ..... To get married.
Yours Truly ..... To finish this report.

In spite of these ambitions, however, some very fine nurses, housewives, farmers, statesmen, politicians, and musicians should come from this class.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and seal here to the Report of the Statistician, hoping that you will never forget the many wonderful contributions we have made.

We, the members of the Graduating Class of 1951 of Troutman High School, on this twenty third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred fifty-one, having passed through twelve years of learning and being, supposedly, of sound minds and bodies with full understanding of our knowledge, but reflecting on the uncertainties of our mortal existence, do order, publish, and declare this report.

Marian Frank Henkel
Statistician

Sally Bethepzeba
H. Cuddles Snodgrass

State of North Carolina — City of Troutman
County of Iredell — Township of Fallstown

SCHOOL OF TROUTMAN

We, the Senior Class of 1951, being of sound minds and bodies, being mindful of the benefits we secured here, would like to bestow them upon those people who are left. We do make this our LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

ARTICLE I

To our principal, Mr. Carl Litaker, we leave our thanks and appreciation for his untiring contributions in our behalf.

To Miss Tabor, our class sponsor, we leave our gratitude for her guidance through our four years in high school.

To Mrs. Lee Brown we leave our thanks for her aid in preparing some of us for a commercial career.

To Mr. Poston we leave our formulas and broken test tubes as a remembrance of the class of '51.

To Mr. Freeze we leave our hope that he will have less trouble in teaching future bookkeeping classes the difference between debits and credits.

To Miss Martin we leave our hopes that she will recover from the effects of her sixth period world geography class.

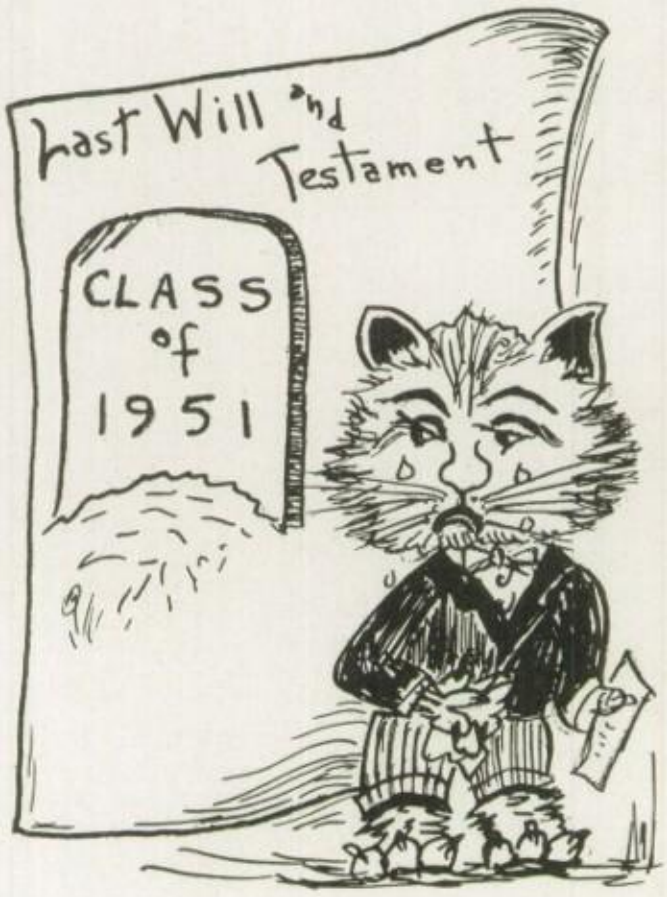
To Miss Miller we leave the baby clothes that we made in home economics and the messes we made in the kitchen.

To Mr. Kurowski we leave our thanks for making ours a better basketball team.

To Miss Brosius we leave our fond appreciation for all she taught us in glee club.

To Mrs. Moore we leave our gratitude for the interest she showed in us as co-sponsor during our Junior year.

To Mr. Vance we leave all of the "unusual" furniture we made in the shop.



ARTICLE II

To the Freshmen we leave our books, notes, and knowledge in hopes that they won't have to study so hard.

To the Sophomores we leave our best wishes that they will have an easier time in school than we did.

ARTICLE III

I, Audrey Loftin, do will and bequeath my love for music to Mary Frank Brown.

I, Billy Bryan Cansler, do will and bequeath my title as "most likely to succeed" to William Troutman.

I, Carolyn Brawley, do will and bequeath my popularity to Mary Alice Alley.

I, Bill Vanderford, do will and bequeath my position as only boy in shorthand class to Wayne Smith, providing he can endure "them."

I, Joe Ann Kerr, do will and bequeath my love for Mitchell boys to Billie Cress Sherrill.

I, Nancy Stewart, do will and bequeath my winning personality to Ruth Deaton.

I, Louise Pryor, do will and bequeath my love for "tall, dark, and handsome" boys to Shirley Holcomb.

I, Clinton Clontz, do will and bequeath my shyness and quiet ways to Billy Rimmer.

I, Mary Alice Compton, do will and bequeath my many different talents to Sara Whitener.

I, Bob Mills, do will and bequeath my frankness and talkativeness to any Junior boy who thinks he can get by with it.

I, Madeline Collins, do will and bequeath my love for baseball players (especially the Mooresville team) to Betty Sherrill.

I, Virginia Parker, do will and bequeath my ability as cheerleader to Maxine Wilhelm.

I, Doris Blackwelder, do will and bequeath my ability to laugh at anything in world geography to Frank Robbins.

I, Wilma Crouch Burrell, do will and bequeath my title as "most courteous" to Bertha Ann Ballard.

I, Joyce Crews, do will and bequeath my cheerfulness to Jean Eller.

I, Frankie Henkel, do will and bequeath my intelligence to Joe White.

I, Billy Kim Nesbit, do will and bequeath my athletic ability to Jim Wise.

I, Ralph Perry, do will and bequeath my willingness to cooperate to Ernest Sipes.

I, Sheldon Murdock, do will and bequeath my good manners to Jimmy Brawley.

I, Thelma Darr Edwards, do will and bequeath my good looks to Roberta Goforth.

I, Anna Ostwalt, do will and bequeath my intense interest in the boys in the service to Shirley Eades.

I, Addie Mae Robinson, do will and bequeath my reasoning ability to Norma Sue Coley.

I, Bobby Edwards, do will and bequeath my wit to Ted Templeton.

I, James Plyler, do will and bequeath my school bus to Hubert Parker.

I, Kenneth Arthurs, do will and bequeath my quiet manner to Lilly Horton.

I, Thomas Myers, do will and bequeath my ability to sleep in economics to any Junior who wants to take the risk.

And finally I, Joan Harrington, having been authorized and delegated by the Senior Class to write this Last Will and Testament, set my hand and affix my seal on this, the twenty second day of May in the Year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty one.

JOAN HEFNER HARRINGTON
Class Lawyer.

WITNESSES:
Evil Eyes
Scarface

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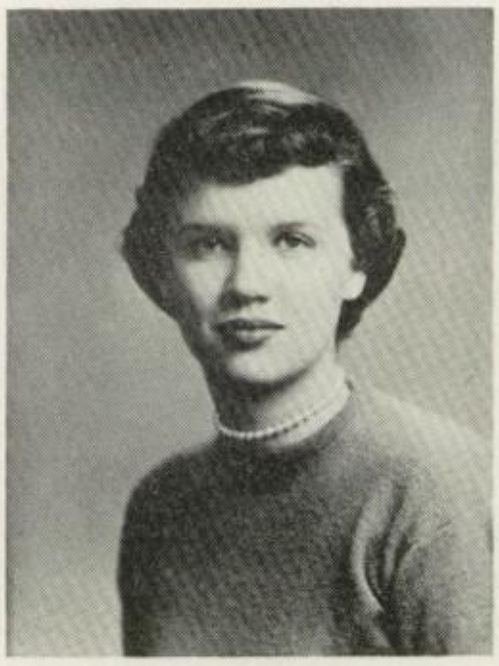
WILLIAM TROUTMAN
President



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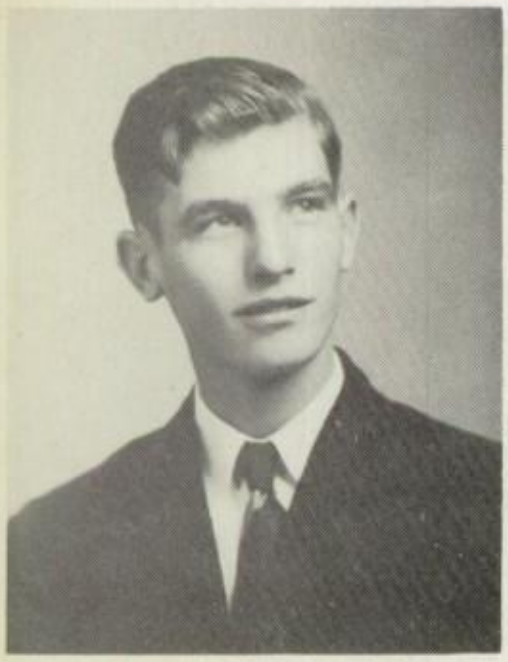

DAVID HINSON
Historian

JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

As strangers to our Upperclassmen, we, the Freshmen, entered into a new world of wider horizons, steeper paths, and nobler ends on the Troutman High School Campus in the fall of 1948. We, sixty--some strong(?), under the guidance of Mrs. DeVaughn and Mr. Barker spent most of our year trying to adjust ourselves to our new surroundings.

When our school started again, we were shocked to find that we were Sophomores. This year our guiding lights were Mr. Poston and Mr. Winecoff. Our subjects seemed much harder, with some of our members being slaughtered on the field of algebra, others died of English, while everyone seemed to enjoy biology. High lighting the year, was the explosion, due to the mixing of cooking gas and tenth graders in Home Ec. When asked what happened, this was the answer, "I merely struck a match, stepped back, and it went BAM!"

Time marches on. Now we are Juniors—a year older and a year wiser (our teachers sometimes wonder.) We are very proud to be resuming another phase of the process of education. With the help and patience of our homeroom teachers, Mrs. Moore and Mr. Poston, we gave our Junior play, "A DATE FOR DANNY," with fourteen members of our class in the cast. It was a decided success from every angle, and we were delighted with the many compliments on our production. This was one of our many ways to raise money for the Junior-Senior Banquet which was a big event in April. Also our class is well represented in school activities. Many of our members may be seen participating in the Beta Club, F. H. A., F. F. A., Boosters Club and Dramatics Club.

We received quite an honor when Mary Alice Alley was elected Miss Merry Christmas to represent our school in the Christmas Festival.

Now as Juniors, we view our Senior Year with high hopes and ambitions. So classmates, keep your fingers crossed. Let's hope next year that we shall all be together as "Seniors."

DAVID HINSON
Historian

COLORS	MOTTO	FLOWER
Navy Blue and White	*"Keep Smiling."*	*Red Rose*

CLASS OF '52

MARY ALICE ALLEY
BERTHA ANN BALLARD
LUTHER BEAVER
PAUL BEAVER
JIM BRAWLEY

MARY FRANK BROWN
SHIRLEY BUSTLE
NORMA SUE COLEY
ROBERT COMPTON
RUTH DEATON

SHIRLEY EADES
JEAN ELLER
RONNIE GARWOOD
ROBERTA GOFORTH
DAVID HINSON

SHIRLEY HOLCOMB
LILLY HORTON
LUTHER JOHNSON
JO ANN LOFTIN
EDWARD MILLER

RAY MISENHEIMER
HUBERT PARKER
JUNE PUTNAM
BILLY RIMMER
FRANK ROBBINS

BETTY SHERRILL
BILLIE CRESS SHERRILL
THOMAS SHERRILL
ERNEST SIPES
WAYNE SMITH

TED TEMPLETON
EPSY TROUTMAN
WILLIAM TROUTMAN
CECIL TUCKER
NANCY WESTMORELAND

JOE WHITE
SARA WHITENER
MAXINE WILHELM
JIMMY WISE

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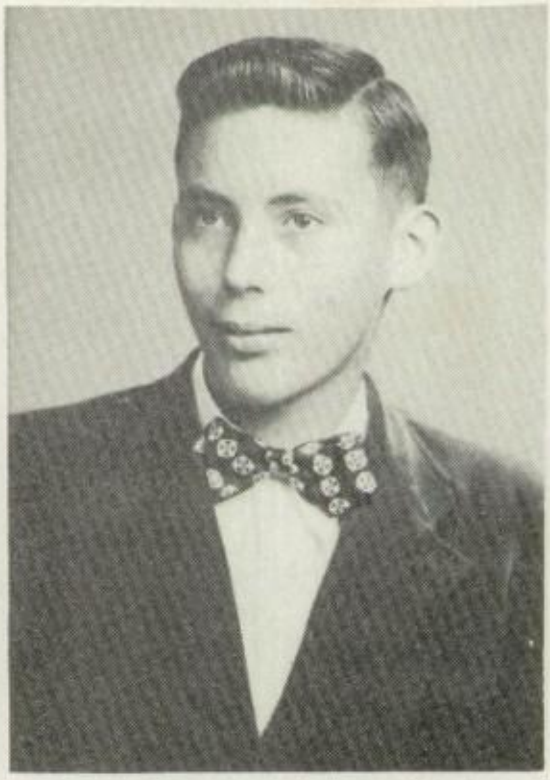
President



BROWNIE BROWN
Vice President

JERRY STINSON
Secretary and Treasurer

SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

It doesn't seem possible that we are Sophomores, lacking two years of reaching that wonderful goal—our graduation day. But let's start at the beginning—ten years ago when we were little folks entering the first grade, knowing little of what lay before us.

As time marched on, we marched with it, all the time growing in wisdom and stature and in the favor of our teachers.

Then the year 1949 found us as Freshmen beginning our high school life. After selecting our subjects, we took a deep breath and plunged into the daily routine of work. However, with the help of our gracious and patient teachers, we pulled through that wonderful year with ease.

With somewhat renewed courage and ambition, we entered dear old Troutman Hi again after a restful??? summer. We started with the enrolment of sixty-five students in the Sophomore Class. To our disappointment, we realized that we had lost a few of our former classmates, but we had a few ones who helped to replace the others.

To start the year off right, we elected our class officers and made plans for a weiner-roast, skating and a movie party.

Our subject teachers this year are Miss Miller, Miss Martin, Mr. Poston, Mr. Vance, Mr. Freeze, Mrs. Brown, and Mr. Kurowski.

To most of us, the first report card, as is usual, was a little discouraging, but we are trying a bit harder to make higher grades and thus to reach the honor roll.

A member of the tenth grade, Nancy Little, represented Troutman Hi in the county contest, winning the title of "Miss Iredell County Fair."

It always take preparation for the future; therefore, to make money for our Senior year, we first tried our luck at cotton picking. After selling of articles provided by the Stanley Home Products Company, we sponsored a square dance and sold "T" shirts with the Bobcat emblem on them. By the time we are Seniors, we shall probably be able to finance our needs with ease.

In the future, as in the past, we shall continue to uphold our motto, "Good Conduct and Courage Lead to Honor."

PATSY CROY,
Class Historian

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Historian

CLASS COLORS
Royal Blue and White

CLASS FLOWER
White Carnation

CLASS MOTTO
"Conduct and Courage Lead to Honor."

CLASS OF '53

MISS MARTIN'S ..... Home Room

First Row, Left to Right: Patty Sherrill, Joan Hobbs, Peggy McGraw, Louise Cooke, Marjorie Hildebran, Peggy Hartline, Marilyn Misenheimer. Second Row: Caroldean Little, Bobby Hager, Rachel Matheson, Jennie Lee Moore, Katherine Davis, Lois Barkley. Third Row: Sarah Brawley, Norma Jean Mayberry, Martha Lanier, Patsy Croy, Mary Lou Woodsides, Martha Cooke. Fourth Row: Connie Reid, Audrey Collins, Miss Cora Martin, Bessie Mae Bass, Mary Shoemaker, Mary Ellen Ball. Fifth Row: Dean Murdock, Donald Rumple, James Fox, Harold Blackwelder, Brownie Brown, Danny Ervin, Billy Watts.

MR. FREEZE'S ..... *Home Room*

First Row, Left to Right: Shirley Hopkins, Lois Myers, Nancy Little, Martha Plyler, Alison Campbell, Marlene Compton, Norma Dean Rankin. Second Row: Shelia Miller, Betty Whitener, Thelma Plyler, Margaret Carrigan, Jean Lamberth, Peggy Nixon, Elsie Stewart. Third Row: Faye Wooten, Peggy Robbins, Max Parker, Loretta Brown, Nancy Houston, Barbara Mills, Dean Goodman. Fourth Row: Bobby Murdock, Mr. Henry Freeze, Bobby Morrow, Jimmy Rary, Larry Cates. Fifth Row: Colon Siceloff, Jerry Stinson, Frank Ostwalt, Jimmy Brown, Allen Collins.

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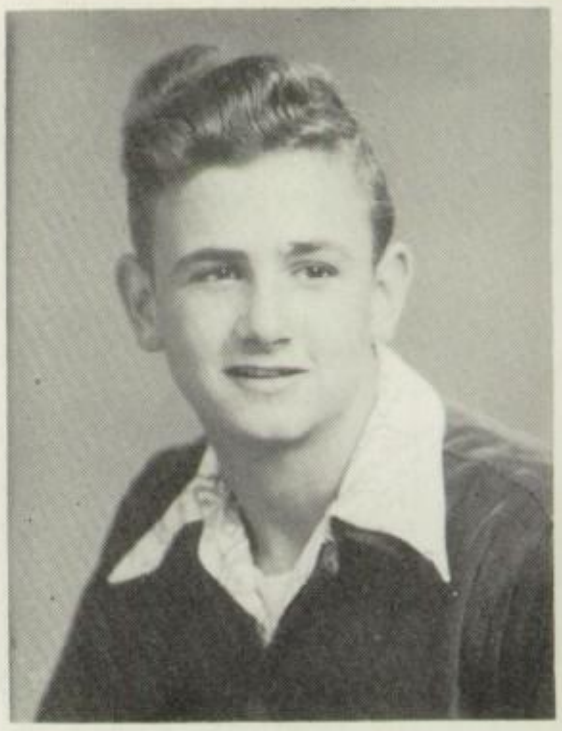
President

SHIRLEY COLEY
Vice President



BOBBY LAIL
Secretary and Treasurer

SHIRLEY SIPES
Historian

FRESHMAN HISTORY

After working eight years to reach this goal, we are proud to be the Freshman Class of Troutman High School.

With the election of our class officers, we began plans to raise money for our treasury. By picking cotton and sponsoring a square dance we realized a profit.

For the spirit with which we were greeted into high school by all students and teachers, we are thankful. Although there were hardships and disappointments, especially trouble in math and science, we pulled through with the help of our teachers and fellow students.

After having taken part in many of the school activities this year, we feel that we have earned our name as Freshman.

In preparing ourselves for the future years we are striving to live up to our motto, "Ever Will and Eager to Learn."

SHIRLEY SIPES

Historian

CLASS COLORS
Silver and Blue

CLASS FLOWER
Talisman Rose

CLASS OF '54

MR. KUROWSKI'S ..... *Home Room*

First Row, Left to Right: Peggy Eades, Janice Gryder, Colleen Menster, Linda Cooke, Wilma Shoemaker, Joan Bennett, Aileen Lambert. Second Row: Ed Ray Byers, Bobby Turman, Peggy Poole, Nell McCubbins, Hazel Jarvis, Blanche Warren. Third Row: Shirley Sipes, Clyde Hoke, Gilbert Millsaps, Larry Bost, Billy Benfield, Joe Lee Smith. Fourth Row: Jo Brown, Johnny Eller, Harold Arthurs, Robert Sherrill, David Beam. Fifth Row: Sydney Whitner, Max Waugh, Frankie Murdock, Glenn Lewis, Hubert Goforth, Tommy Barkley, Mr. Kurowski.

MISS MILLER'S ..... *Home Room*

First Row, Left to Right: Barbara Stewart, Hugh Clontz, Joe Mills, Jerrylene Williamson, Mary Helen Upright, Helen Morrow, Mae Lee Lipe, Eleanor Jane Troutman. Second Row: Nicky Smith, Jimmy Tolbert, Neil Blackwelder, Lorene Marlowe, Shirley Ketchie, Esther Josey, Bonnie Lamberth. Third Row: Maxine Davis, Betty Brawley, Geneva Cooke, Mary McNabb, Edward Readling, Delores Wallace. Fourth Row: Clyde Beaver, Fed Mills, Homer Hinson, Glenn Montgomery, Bobby Ray Sherrill, Bobby Lail. Fifth Row: Bobby Deaton, Grady Lewis, Carl Boan, Fred Barkley, Reginald Ostwalt, Miss Miller.

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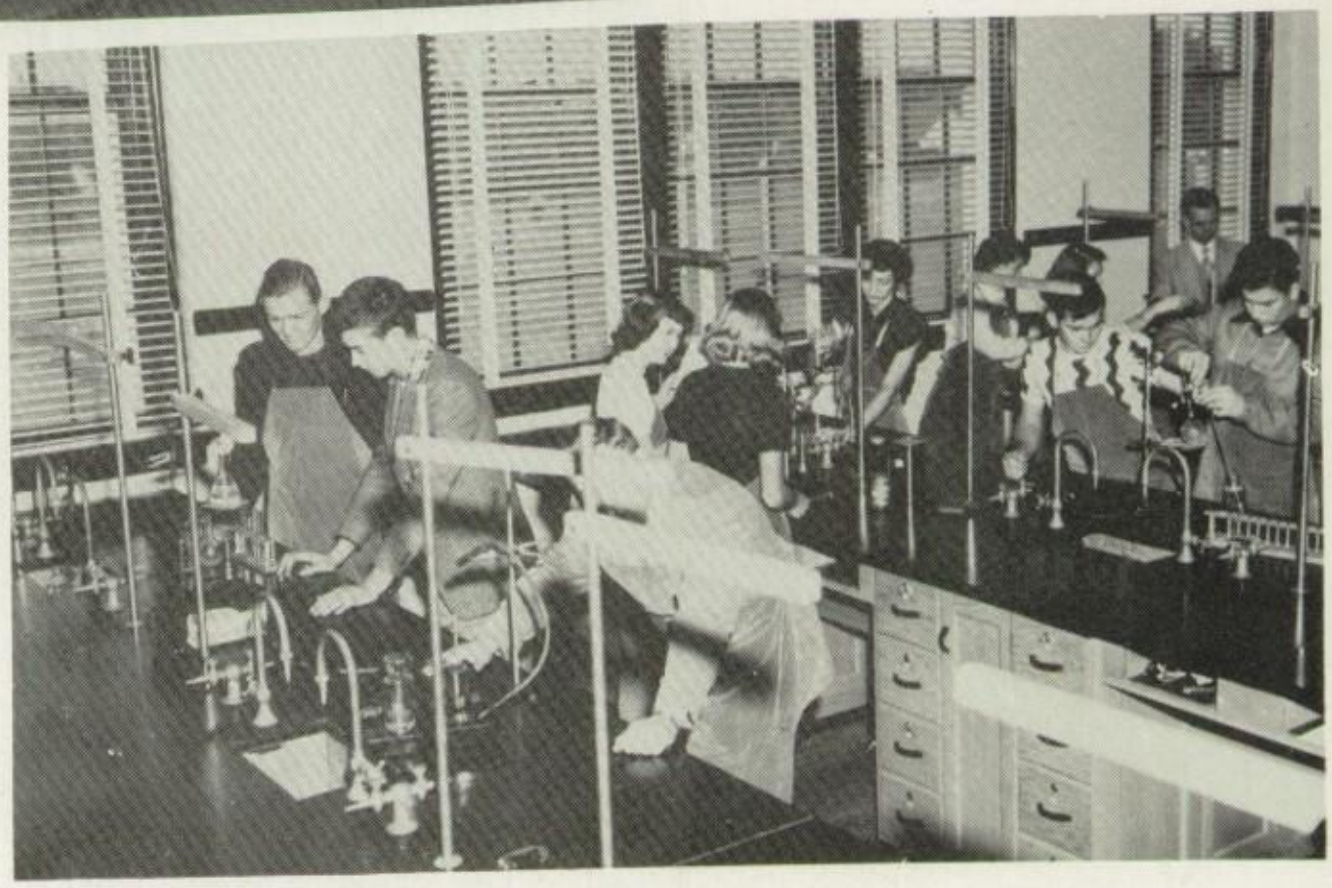

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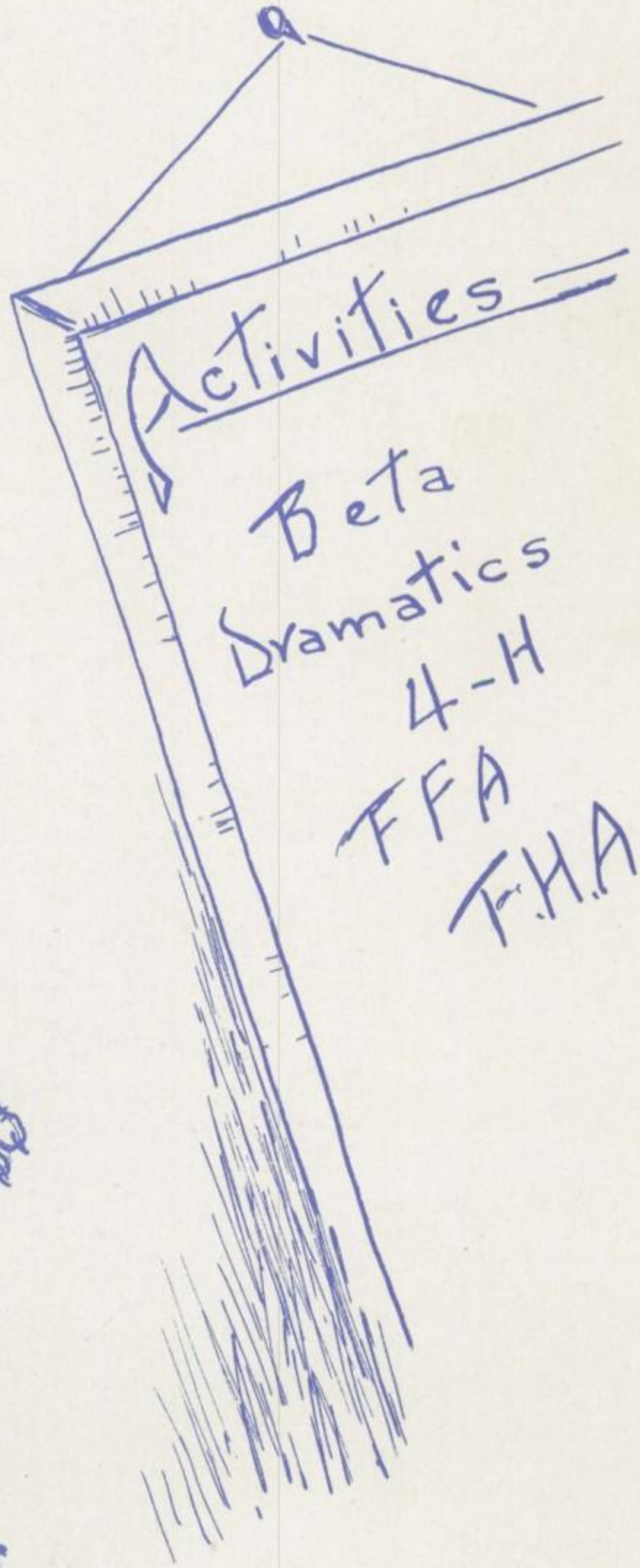
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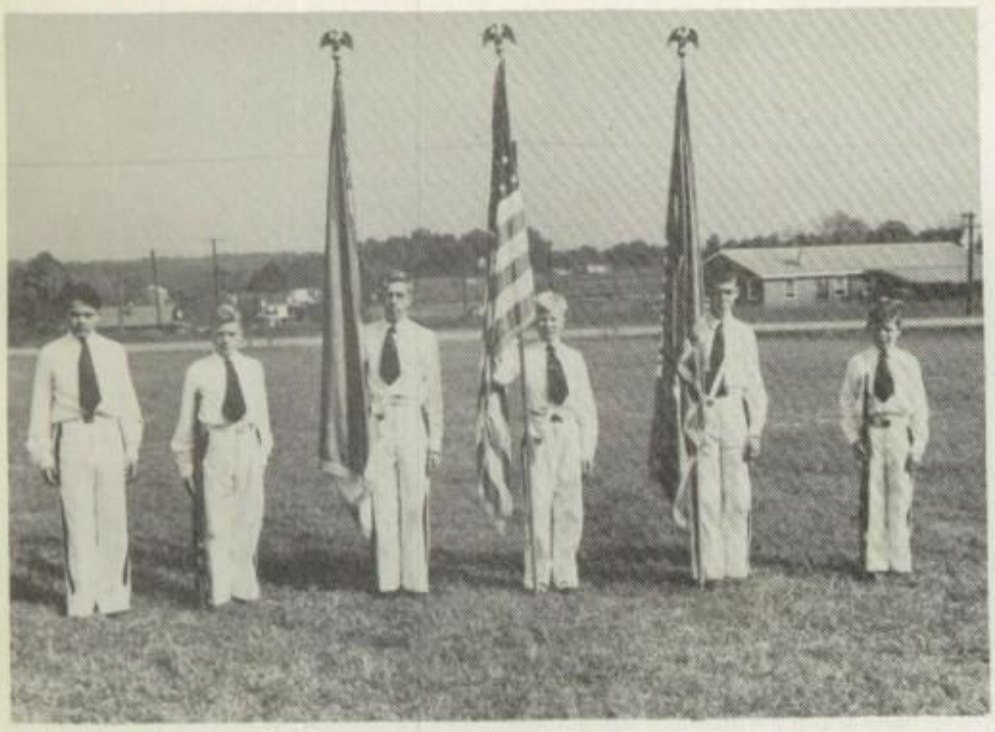

COLOR GUARDS

Left to Right: Bobby Watts, Albert Shaver, Billy Benfield, Melvin Ervin, Larry Cates,

DRUM MAJOR: Bill Watts

MAJORETTES

Left to Right: Joyce Benfield, Suzanne Young, Barbara Shaver, Elaine Kyles.

BAND

First Row, Left to Right: Billy Beaver, Mike Yates, Eddie Jordan. Second Row, Left to Right: Phyllis Clodfelter, Graham Smith, Andy Vance, Jerry Beaver, Wayne Nixon, David Edwards, Gary Hill, Tony Ostwalt, Judy Brown. Third Row, Left to Right: Billie Cress Sherrill, Joan Ervin, Doyt Brown, Wayne Brown, Melvin Ervin, Johnny Neil, Jerry Troutman, Bobby Houston, Dorothy Edwards, Jane Brown. Fourth Row, Left to Right: Dan R. Swanger, Director, Philip Loften, Bobby Hager, Larry Bost, Jim Brawley, Bill Watts, Ted Orren, Brownie Brown, R. G. Phillips, Carroll Jordan.

TROUTMAN QUEENS

MARY ALICE ALLEY
Miss Merry Christmas

PHYLLIS KAYE MASSEY
Little Miss Merry Christmas

JOYCE CREWS
Miss Hi-Miss

NANCY LITTLE
Miss Iredell County Fair

BETA CLUB

First Row, Left to Right: Mrs. Moore, Billie Cress Sherrill, Maxine Wilhelm, Jean Eller, Luther Beaver. Second Row: Ernest Sipes, Audrey Loftin, Joe White, Frankie Henkel, Bill Vanderford, Madeline Collins, Hubert Parker, David Hinson. Third Row: Billy Cansler, Joan Harrington, William Troutman, Mary Frank Brown, Ted Templeton, Shirley Bustle, Joe Ann Kerr, Jim Brawley, Joyce Crews.

President ..... JOYCE CREWS
Secretary ..... ERNEST SIPES
Vice President ..... MARY FRANK BROWN
Treasurer ..... DAVID HINSON

BETA CLUB

DRAMATICS CLUB

First Row: Audrey Collins, Alison Campbell, Patty Sherrill, Norma Dean Rankin, Peggy Hartline, Margie Hildebran, Billie Cress Sherrill, Mary Frank Brown, Audrey Loftin. Second Row: Nancy Houston, Lois Myers, Sarah Brawley, Clarice Ostwalt, Patsy Croy, Sara Whitener, Dean Goodman, Norma Sue Coley. Third Row: Bobby Hager, Connie Reid, Miss Cora Martin, Betty Brawley, Rachel Matheson, Joan Harrington, Roberta Goforth. Fourth Row: Espy Troutmant, Joe White, Luther Beaver, Betty Sherrill. Fifth Row: Bobby Murdock, Cecil Tucker, David Hinson, Ted Templeton, Hubert Parker, Thomas Sherrill, Brownie Brown.

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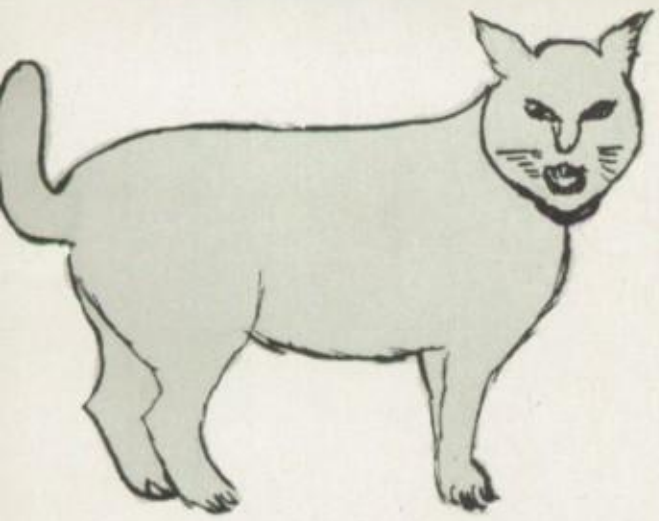

Standing—
Madeline Collins
William Troutman
Dean Rankin
Seated—
Mr. Litaker
Mary Alice Compton
Jim Brawley
Mary Frank Brown
Peggy McGraw
Nancy Houston
Shirley Sipes
Betty Brawley
Miss Tabor

1st Row—
Patty Sherrill
Martha Lanier
Mr. Litaker
Doris Blackwelder
Dean Rankin
Dean Goodman

2nd Row—
Bobby Hager
Peggy McGraw
Frankie Henkel
Audrey Loftin
Betty Sherrill
Nancy Stewart
Ruth Deaton

OFFICE STAFF

LIBRARY STAFF

Seated: Joan Harrington, Carolyn Brawley, Joe Ann Kerr, Addie Mae Robinson, Nancy Stewart, Frankie Henkel. Standing: Lillie Horton, Louise Pryor, Betty Whitener, Jean Lamberth, Joyce Crews, Miss Tabor, Anna Ostwalt.

PAPER STAFF

1st Row Seated—

Billie Cress Sherrill

Shirley Sherrill Bustle,

Jean Eller,

Ernest Sipes

2nd Row Seated—

Mary Frank Brown

Joe White

Maxine Wilhelm

Joyce Crews

Joan Harrington

3rd Row Seated—

Audrey Loftin

Jim Brawley

Madeline Collins

William Troutman

Joe Ann Kerr

Billy Cansler

David Hinson

4th Row Standing—

Mrs. Brown,

Luther Beaver

Ted Templeton

Hubert Parker

GLEE CLUB

First Row, left to right: Clarice Ostwalt, Virginia Parker, Marjorie Hildebrand, Bobbie Stewart, Shirley Coley. Seated at Piano: Mary Frank Brown. Second Row, left to right: Miss Virginia Brosius, director, Betty Sherrill, Wilma Mills, Audrey Loftin, Norma Sue Coley, and Betty Brawley.

First Row, left to right: Evelyn Crouch, Joan Ervin, Glenda Thomas, Carolyn Tolbert, Carol Talbert, Virginia Beaver, Leila Swicegood, Shirley Cooke. Second Row, left to right: Elaine Iyles, Jeanette Goforth, Joan Pope, Shirley Horton, Betty Lwengood, Priscilla Boan, Eveleen Plyler. Third Row, left to right: Peggy Nesbit, Peggy Rankin, Norma Loftin, Evelyn Moore, Doris Cook, Jane Maness, Miss Virginia Brosius, Director. Fourth Row, left to right: Anne Brown, Claudia Weddington, Cora Mae Rumple, Wanda Elmore, Jacqueline Brown, Vernell Elmore.

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FHA CLUB

MOTTO
"Toward New Horizons"

COLORS
Red and White

JOAN HARRINGTON
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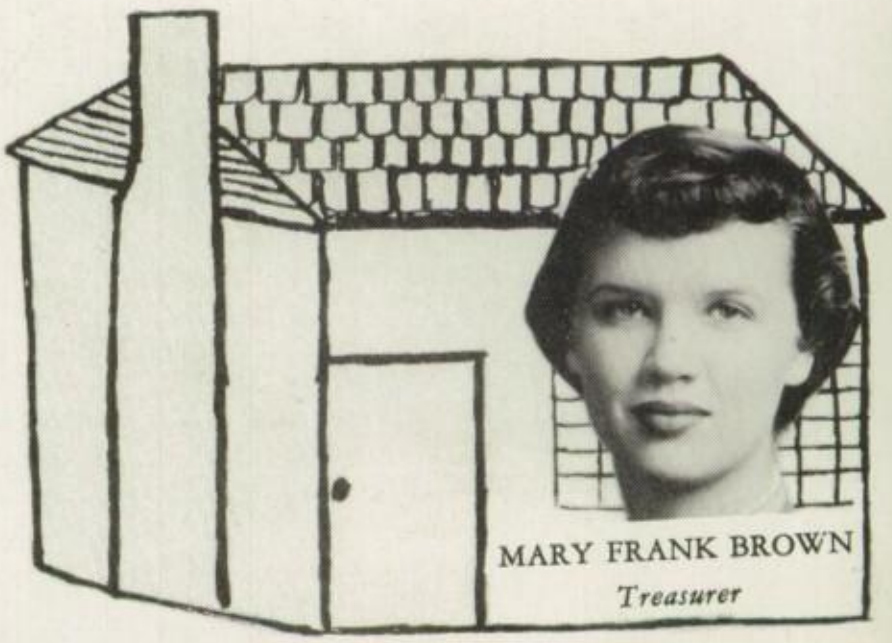

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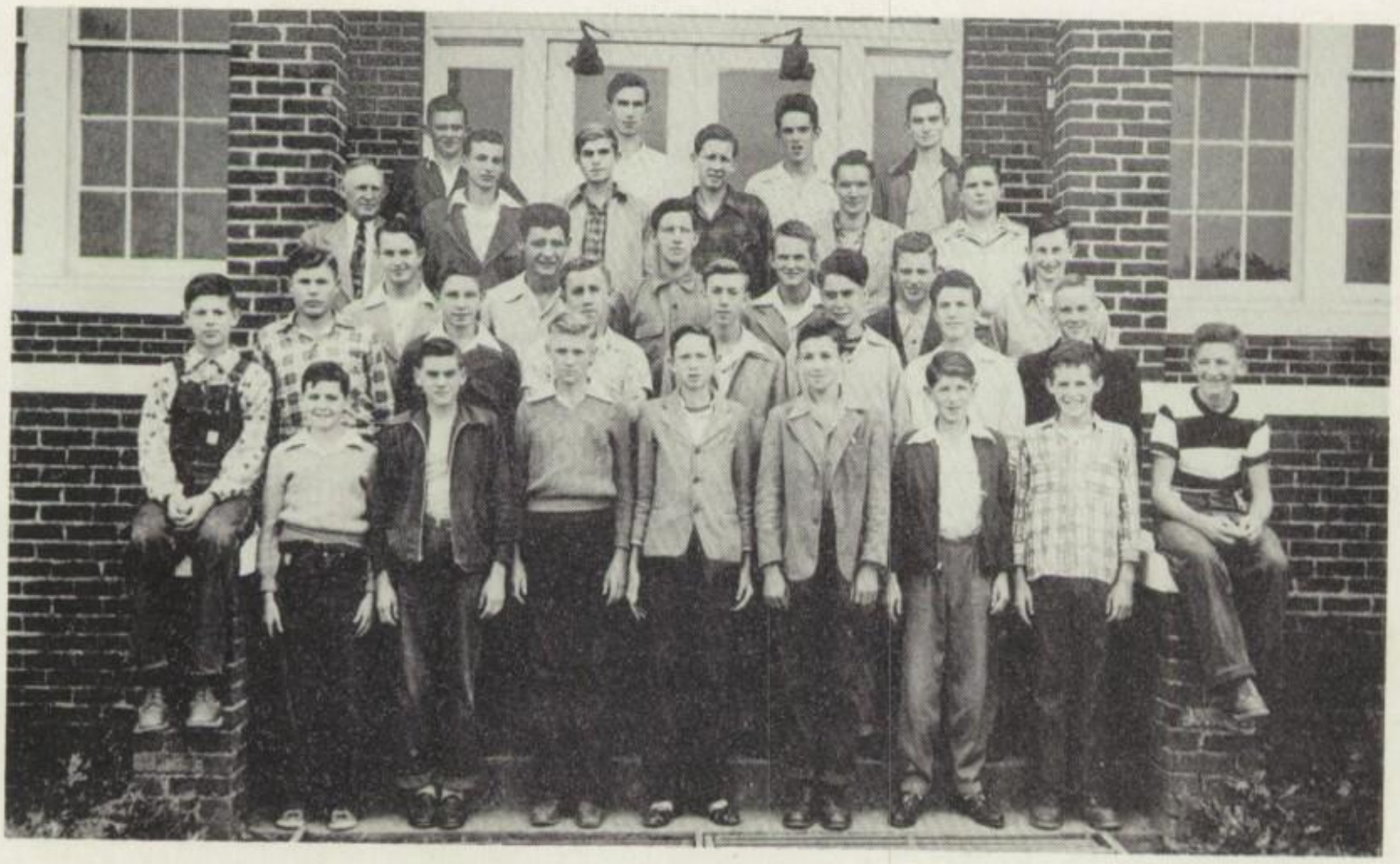

First Row, Left to Right, Seated: Donald Rumple. Standing: Joe Mills, Bobby Turman, David Beam, Jimmy Talbert, Johnny Eller, Neil Blackwelder, Hugh Clontz, seated, Wayne Smith. Second Row: Jimmy Arthurs, Clyde Beaver, Harold Arthurs, Billy Benfield, Reginald Ostwalt, Allen Collins, Bobby Murdock. Third Row: Larry Bost, Fred Mills, Frank Ostwalt, Dean Murdock, Espy Troutman, Joe Smith. Fourth Row: Mr. Vance, Max Waugh, Wilford Poole, Ronnie Garwood, Harold Blackwelder, Ray Misenheimer; Fifth Row: Billy Cansler, Jerry Marlowe, Clinton Clontz, and Fred Barkley.

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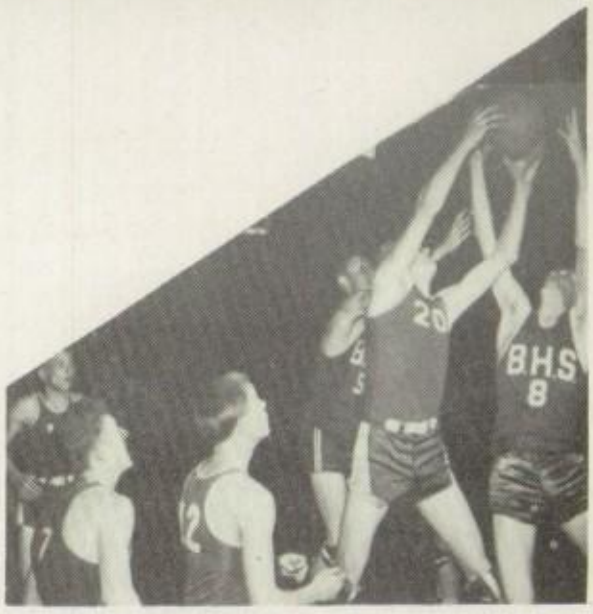

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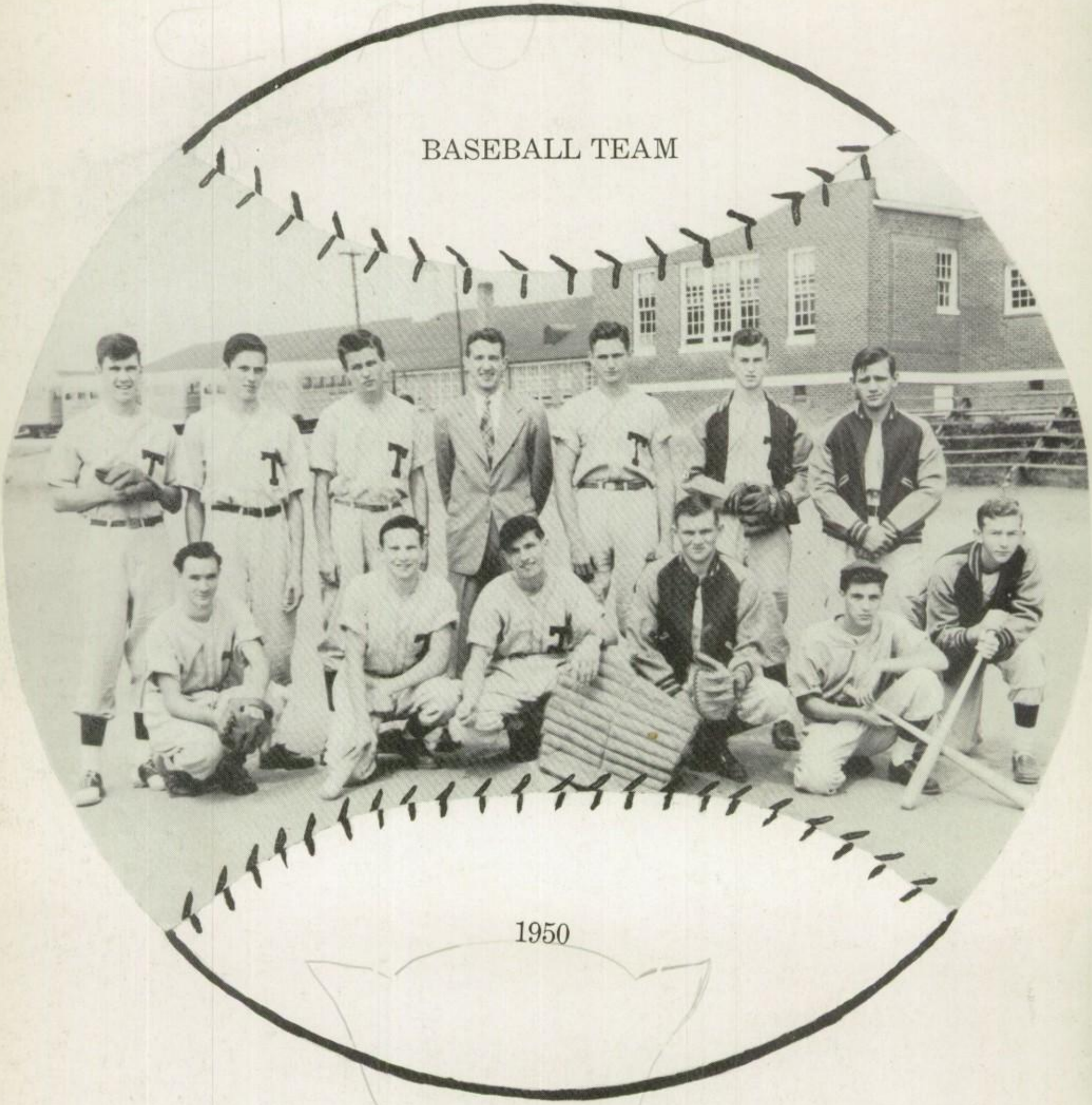

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